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Subject: FARUCHNYI, V. I.

Likov G.

Moscow G.

d.o.b. ca 1904

Soviet tourist in Rome, Italy, in Sept 1964

had contact with

Source or RECASSOWARY/24

Expected Subject will contact Source

Source: NA

Date: 12 Sep 1964

1. Subject is Ukrainian, Director of Cinema Studios in Moscow, aged 60 (born in 1904), looks like 50, brown greyish hair, quite strongly built.

Source spoke with him on 1 and 2 Sep 1964 in hotel "Ticino", 110 Corso Vittorio Emanuele, Rome, where he stayed with the entire Soviet tourist group. Subject himself approached Source after he heard him talking Ukrainian with SERBA, Vasili of Kishiniov and 3 other Soviet tourists.

The first question Subject asked was whether Source was from Western Ukraine. Then he told him that he was a Ukrainian too, born in Kursk-area, spent many years in Kiev, Odessa, and Kharkov, and at the present was living in Moscow. In the course of this and following meetings Subject impressed Source as an intelligent, well read, well educated man, and a conscious Ukrainian. They exchanged addresses and Subject promised to write to Source. One of Subject's ~~daughters~~ lives in a village near Kiev, together with two daughters. She is a widow.

2. Subject told Source that he personally knew DOVZENKO under whom he had worked for many years. When Source remarked that Dovzhenko was ruined by Stalin, Subject replied that this was, of course, true, though on the other hand Stalin in reality was very fond of Dovzhenko.

Subject was full of praise for Dovzhenko and described him as follows: "He was a great man, who had to have full freedom to create. He worked in his own original manner and was particularly important about him - his Ukrainianism in everything. He lived for Ukraine and created for her. Everything

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in him was Ukrainian... Just think, he lived for so many years in Moscow but his pronounciation of Russian remained Ukrainian. He never said 'Ya govoriu' but always 'Ya hovoriu'..."

Subject mentioned also some other examples on Dovzhenko and all the time used the term "moskali" instead of "russi".

Then he continued to extol Dovzhenko: "He was a real genius standing above Eisenstein and Pudovkin. There is no one like Dovzhenko at the present in the Soviet Union".

Subject made also some comparisons of Russian and Ukrainian villages in Kursk-area in favor of Ukrainian ones. People living in Kuban he called "turn-coats" implying that they did not show enough Ukrainian consciousness.

3. In the beginning Subject halfheartedly defended the view that Ukraine was not in need for a separate diplomatic representation moreover that then one would have to grant similar representation to all other republics, but later on agreed with Source's argument.

4. Subject did not deny that there was Russification going on in the Ukraine and mentioned in particular Donets-area where there was a very strong influx of Russian element. One of his explanations for that was that Ukrainians did not like hard manual work and Russians took advantage of it.

He also complained that the Ukrainian language of writers and artists in Kiev was somewhat "strange" and praised the countryside which had retained "pure Ukrainian". As an example, he mentioned his sister who visited him recently in Moscow and spoke very fine Ukrainian.

On the other hand - according to Subject - Ukrainian element was securing more and more positions on all-union level, and in particular in the army what he regarded as very important.

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forgiven even Germans".

6. When Source mentioned the fact that Russian communists had liquidated Ukrainian state in 1920, Subject did not deny, ^{it explicitly only} murmured something to the effect that there was at the present a Ukrainian Republic and then added that he remembered very well those times. He was 14 at that time and saw Petlura. He also knew personally Gen. TIUTIUNYK with whom he worked together after TIUTIUNYK'S return from Poland. Petlura - in Subject's words - wanted to introduce such a social and economic order as it exists for instance in Canada; private ownership, private agricultural farms...

To critical remarks of Source about Soviet economic and social system Subject replied that actually 45 years was too short a period to make final judgment on such complicated phenomena as communism and its comparison with capitalism.

7. According to Subject Virgin lands did not fulfil regime's expectations but he did not think the whole scheme was a catastrophe.

1963 harvest in the entire Soviet Union was very bad and they had to make purchases of wheat abroad. When Source remarked that people abroad had doubts as to whether the purchased wheat will be given to Ukrainian and other Soviet peoples, Subject replied that "at the worst, probably some of it was given to Czechs but to no one else".

8. When Source mentioned that he would like to visit Ukraine, Subject replied that he should do it as a tourist. Later on he stressed again that Source should go to Ukraine as tourist only.

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